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THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST PRE-SYMPOSIUM

8:00 a.m.
Vide Foyer, Lower Level

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

9:00 a.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East, Lower Level

EDUCATING IN A WORLD WHERE EDUCATION IS EVERYTHING

Consensus is building that education is the answer to many of societies' goals including stronger economic growth, less poverty and better health outcomes. These aspirations will be on a collision course with constrained public resources. Better ways of delivering education will be required but ideology too often prevails over evidence in that dialogue.



**CATHY
ABRAHAM**
President,
OPSBA



**DENIS
CHARTRAND**
President
ACÉPO



**KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

**DON
DRUMMOND**
Adjunct Professor
at the School of
Policy Studies at
Queen's University
and Stauffer-Dunning
Fellow in Global
Public Policy

REFRESHMENT BREAK

10:00 a.m.
Osgoode Foyer

MANAGING POLARIZATION IN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

10:30 a.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

This session provides IAP2 (International Association for Public Participation) professionals with insights and tools to effectively manage polarization that sometimes threatens to derail public consultation processes.

Participants will be introduced to The Polarization Model, a unique tool that provides a strategic approach for understanding, tracking and effectively managing polarization. This model demonstrates how it can be possible to use openly hostile views to move opinions to a more positive perspective.

The session also discusses trust as an important catalyst to managing issues effectively, and draws a clear line to the equally important concept of transparency. Participants will be introduced to a novel working definition of transparency: «Ask me anything.»

The session concludes by outlining the value—and the difficulty—of answering questions effectively to enhance communication and transparency.



**ERIC
BERGMAN**
ABC, APR, MC, FCPRS
Media Training
Consultant

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

LUNCH

12:00 noon
Sheraton Hall E

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

1:00 – 2:25 p.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

SETTING THE STAGE: FOUNDATIONAL CONCEPTS FOR EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

This workshop will focus on the foundational concepts upon which parliamentary procedure is based. We will identify the steps used to properly process motions and work through the most commonly used motions, *Main Motion*, *Amend*, and *Amend an Amendment*. Time permitting, we will also deal with the motions to commit and postpone. This workshop will be a great refresher for veteran board members and those new to the position or those who are unsure of their present processes.



**LORI
LUKINUK**
CP-T, PRP Certified
Parliamentarian
Professional Registered
Parliamentarian

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:30 – 4:00 p.m

1 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Osgoode Ballroom East

BEYOND THE BASICS: BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

This workshop will focus on what is often the most difficult and longest step in processing a motion, that being debate of a motion. We will discuss proper decorum in debate and what debate is and more importantly, what it is not. This workshop will also teach how to properly question when you feel the agreed to and adopted rules are not being adhered to and how to challenge a ruling from the chair. We will work through both motions, *Point of Order and Appeal from the Decision of the Chair*.



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2 TRUST WITH RESPECTFUL OVERSIGHT: WHAT DOES AN EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP LOOK LIKE BETWEEN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATION?

Osgoode Ballroom West

Join us in our interactive workshop as a Chair, Director of Education and legal counsel discuss the benefits of working together to ensure student achievement and public confidence in education.



**SHEILA
MACKINNON**
Partner,
Shibley
Righton LLP



**MICHAEL
BARRETT**
Chair,
Durham District
School Board



**LOUISE
SIRISKO**
Director of
Education,
York Region District
School Board

INDIGENOUS TRUSTEE COUNCIL

4:15 p.m.
Sheraton Hall C

MAIN SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

6:45 p.m.
Vide Foyer, Lower Level

OPSBA STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT RUNNYMEDE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE STEEL PAN BAND

7:40 p.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

OPENING CEREMONIES WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chief Elaine Johnston, Trustee Algoma District School Board



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MIX AND MINGLE RECEPTION

8:30 p.m

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

8:00 a.m.
Vide Foyer, Lower Level

BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.
Sheraton Hall E

THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK

9:00 a.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East, Lower Level

Few people exemplify the qualities of personal excellence, teamwork, community leadership, and overcoming the odds better than CFL legend Michael “Pinball” Clemons. With boundless energy, Pinball’s talks centre on the potential for each of us to achieve anything we set our minds to.



**MICHAEL
“PINBALL”
CLEMONS**

NETWORKING BREAK

10:00 a.m.
Osgoode Ballroom Foyer

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

10:30 a.m.

1 EVERYTHING A TRUSTEE NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT BEST PRACTICES FOR BOARD MEETINGS; CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PURPOSE OF CODE OF CONDUCT; REQUESTS FOR TRUSTEE EMAILS AND COMPLYING WITH PRIVACY LEGISLATION

Osgoode Ballroom East

Join Sheila MacKinnon, a lawyer experienced in all areas of education law and school board governance, for a discussion of best practices to ensure boards have effective and productive meetings; the purpose of a trustee Code of Conduct and how to avoid a complaint under it; when trustee emails may be subject to disclosure and a trustee’s duty in complying with privacy legislation.



**SHEILA
MACKINNON**
Partner,
Shibley
Righton LLP

2 AN INTRODUCTION TO FIRST NATIONS, METIS, AND INUIT (FMNI) EDUCATION IN ONTARIO

Sheraton Hall C

This session will be an introduction for new trustees, as well as a refresher and update for incumbents. Discussion points will include the influence of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) recommendations on education, how FNMI education is being implemented, the role of Indigenous trustees, the role of the OPSBA Indigenous Trustees Council (ITC), and the ITC's Action Plan and Goals..



SEAN MONTEITH

Staff Advisor, OPSBA Indigenous Trustees Council (ITC), and Director of Education, Keewatin-Patricia District School Board

3 SUPPORTING STUDENT LEADERS

Osgoode Ballroom West

As student trustees, we know the challenges students face in their school lives, and the barriers that need to be overcome to reach their potential. By building spaces that support student trustees, board members can help them realize their leadership potential.



RYAN BROWN

Bluewater District School Board (DSB), Public Board Council President, OSTA-AECO



SEAN MCCLOSKEY

Renfrew County DSB



SARAH CHUN

Thames Valley DSB



BELLA FRICK

Thames Valley DSB



ISAAC GLASSMAN

Renfrew County DSB

4 HOW OPSBA SUPPORTS TRUSTEES AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Sheraton Hall B

Learn about OPSBA and how it provides support, advocacy and timely information to assist trustees in their day to day practice. OPSBA staff will walk you through OPSBA Board and committee structures, regional meetings, how to navigate the OPSBA website and how you can become more involved and informed on a provincial level. The key areas of Program, Policy, Finance and Communication will be highlighted.



JENNIFER MCINTYRE

Director of Policy, OPSBA



MAY MOORE

Director of Communications, OPSBA



JUDITH NYMAN

Director of Program Policy, OPSBA

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

LUNCH

12:00 p.m.
Sheraton Hall E

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS ARE EXPIRING: WHAT'S NEXT

1:30 p.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

This workshop is designed for Trustees, particularly those who are newly elected, and will focus on the role of Trustees in the collective bargaining process at both the local and provincial levels.



PENNY MUSTIN
Director of
Labour Relations,
OPPSBA



JANET EDWARDS
Associate Director
of Labour Relations,
OPPSBA

CONCURRENT STUDENT WORKSHOP

Sheraton Hall C

A facilitated discussion for student trustees to discuss issues at their boards.

DPA FOR TRUSTEES (DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY)

2:45 – 2:55 p.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

1 RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN SCHOOL BOARDS

Osgoode Ballroom East

Join a panel of Chairs and Directors of Education as they discuss the role of the Trustee; the Chair of the Board and the Director of Education as they work together towards ensuring student achievement and public confidence in education.

TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



JOHN MALLOY
Director
of Education



ROBIN PILKEY
Chair

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



LAURA ELLIOTT
Director of Education



MATTHEW D. REID
Cohen Highley LLP,
former Chair of the
Board

2 TRUSTEES AND THEIR BOARDS – THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Osgoode Ballroom West

This presentation, a “Trustees and the Law 101”, will give you an overview of the critical legal parameters of your role. What is the role of the individual trustee? Who does what? When can boards meet “in camera”? How does the law deal with conflicts of interest? Can trustees ever be held individually liable? When and how can the Ministry intervene? You won’t want to miss this workshop delivered by one of Ontario’s most experienced school board lawyers!



**MICHAEL
HINES**
Partner,
Hicks Morley LLP

3 HOW OPSBA SUPPORTS TRUSTEES

Sheraton Hall B

See description on page 6.



**JENNIFER
MCINTYRE**
Director of Policy,
OPSBA



**MAY
MOORE**
Director of
Communications,
OPSBA



**JUDITH
NYMAN**
Director of
Program
Policy,
OPSBA

4 THE ONTARIO OMBUDSMAN AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Sheraton Hall C

Learn how the Ontario Ombudsman resolves thousands of school board complaints through early resolution and referral, almost always without a formal investigation. Find out what to expect if the Ombudsman contacts your board, and how we work directly with boards to solve problems and improve school board practices and procedures.



**JEAN-FRÉDÉRIC
HÜBSCH**
Counsel with the Office of
the Ontario Ombudsman

RECEPTION

7:00 p.m.
Osgoode Ballroom

DINNER & AWARDS

7:30 p.m.

ACÉPO STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT

9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY

BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.
Vide Foyer, Lower Level

MEETINGS

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

CENTRAL EAST

Osgoode Ballroom East

CENTRAL WEST

Sheraton Hall B

WESTERN

Sheraton Hall C

EASTERN

Sheraton Hall E

NORTHERN

Osgoode Ballroom West

PANEL DISCUSSION

9:45 a.m.
Osgoode Ballroom East

CURRENT ISSUES AND HOT TOPICS IN EDUCATION

You won't want to miss this session about the current issues in education and how boards are dealing with "hot topics".

- Questions for this session were submitted in advance when registering for this conference.
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CLOSING REMARKS

11:15 a.m.



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EDUCATION LABOUR RELATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM

April 4 – 5, 2019

Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

2019 OPSBA AGM CONCURRENT WITH CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (CSBA) CONGRESS 2019

JULY 4 – 6, 2019

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto

NATIONAL TRUSTEES GATHERING ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

JULY 3 – 4, 2019

Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto

NORTHERN REGION MEETING AND PROGRAM

October 2019

Date and location to be determined



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